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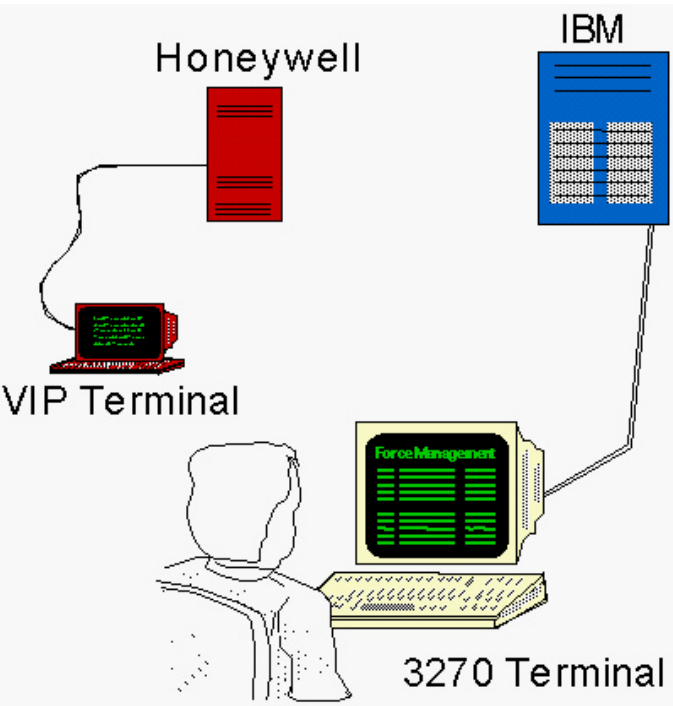
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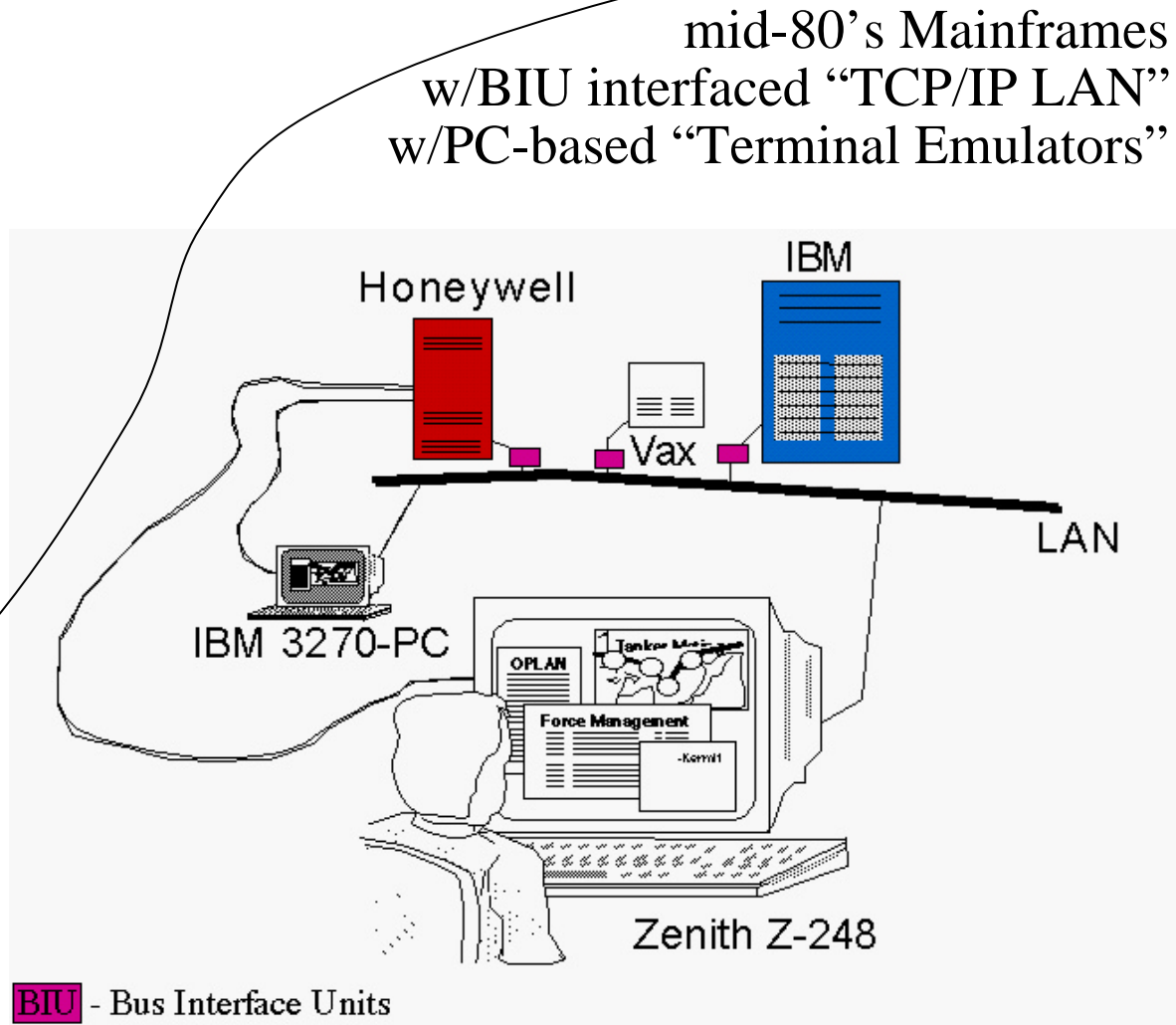
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DoD started w/stand-alone computers, terminals & custom S/W -- Then came PCs w/COTS S/W terminal emulators and TCP/IP LANs
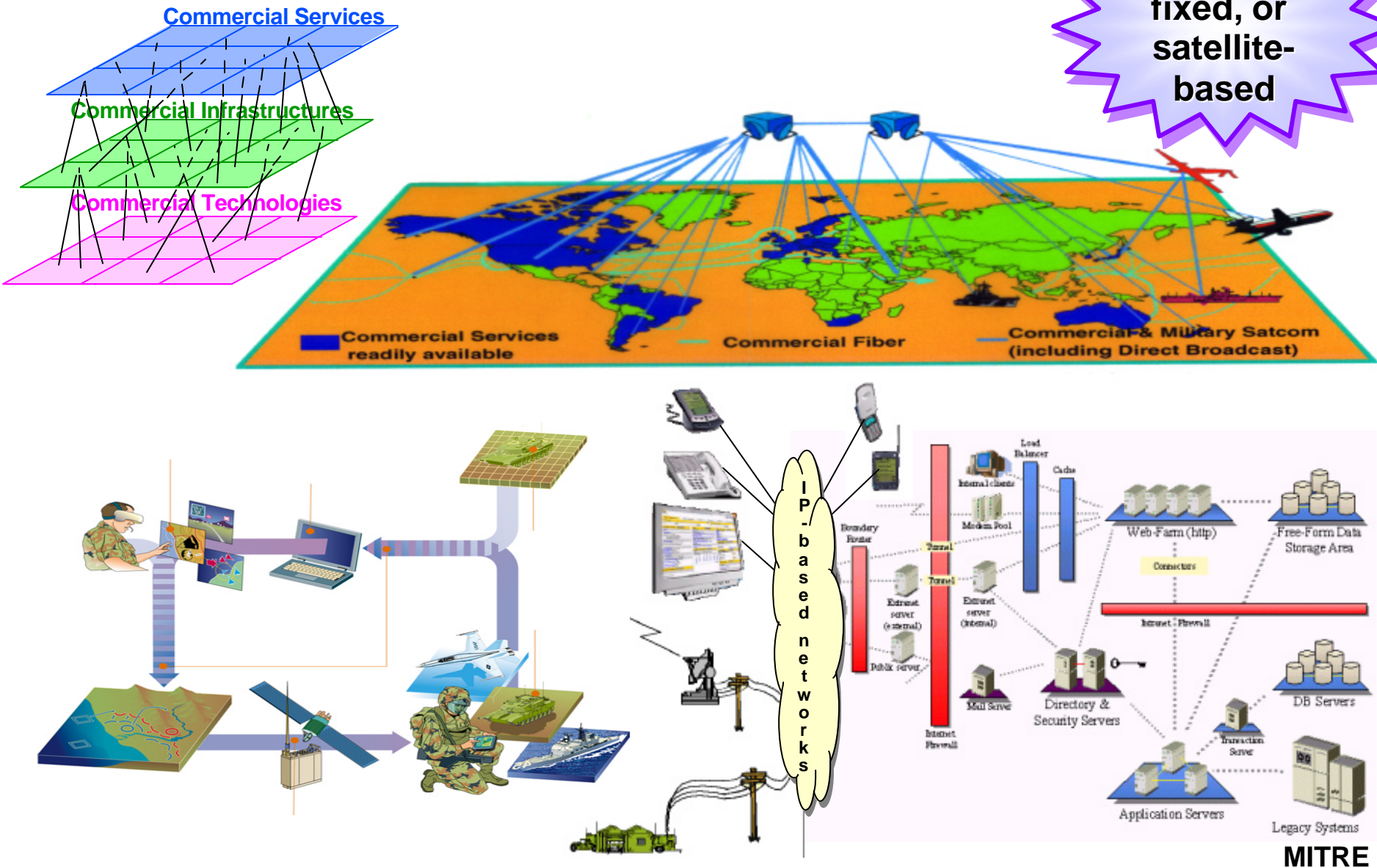
IBM

Honeywell

mid-70's Mainframes with direct wired "Terminals"

mid-80's Mainframes w/BIU interfaced "TCP/IP LAN" w/PC-based "Terminal Emulators"

VIP Terminal

Force Management

3270 Terminal

IBM

Honeywell

Vax

LAN

IBM 3270-PC

OPLAN

Force Management

Zenith Z-248

BIU - Bus Interface Units

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Now systems are being built using commercial products & S/W and connected within IP-based networks

wireless, fixed, or satellite-based

Commercial Services

Commercial Infrastructures

Commercial Technologies

Commercial Services readily available

Commercial Fiber

Commercial & Military Satcom (including Direct Broadcast)

IP-based networks

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DoD's Move to IP will Leverage Commercially Available Capabilities… and Liabilities….

POLICY

STRATEGIES

Air Force wires weapons to Web

Plan pushes more info to warfighters

BY GEORGE I. SEFFERS

The U.S. Air Force is requiring that all command and control systems and weapon systems be wired to the World Wide Web.

John Gilligan, an Air Force deputy chief information officer, said that the Web-enablement policy offers several benefits, including universal access to data, a reduction in personnel and lower costs.

"The intent is really to establish a formal way that we will Web-enable, we will use XML [Extensible Markup Language], and we will use [Internet Protocol]," Gilligan said. By using IP to connect the data links, he said the Air Force will be able to use commercially available capabilities.

Air Force Secretary James Roche and Gen. Michael Ryan, outgoing Air Force chief of staff, signed the policy July 9.

Web-enabling technologies and standards to govern information interchange and promote greater interoperability," the document states.

The memo calls specifically for the use of four technologies: IP, XML, URLs and Web browsers.

Currently, most weapon and command and control systems use a plethora of protocols and are not always able to share data. That means the data has to be manually transferred from one system to another, and sometimes it cannot even be accessed or found. XML is a "far superior data exchange protocol," Gilligan said.

"The first benefit would be the abili-

tion. We have found that just by providing a link to systems, it opens up information universally," Gilligan said.
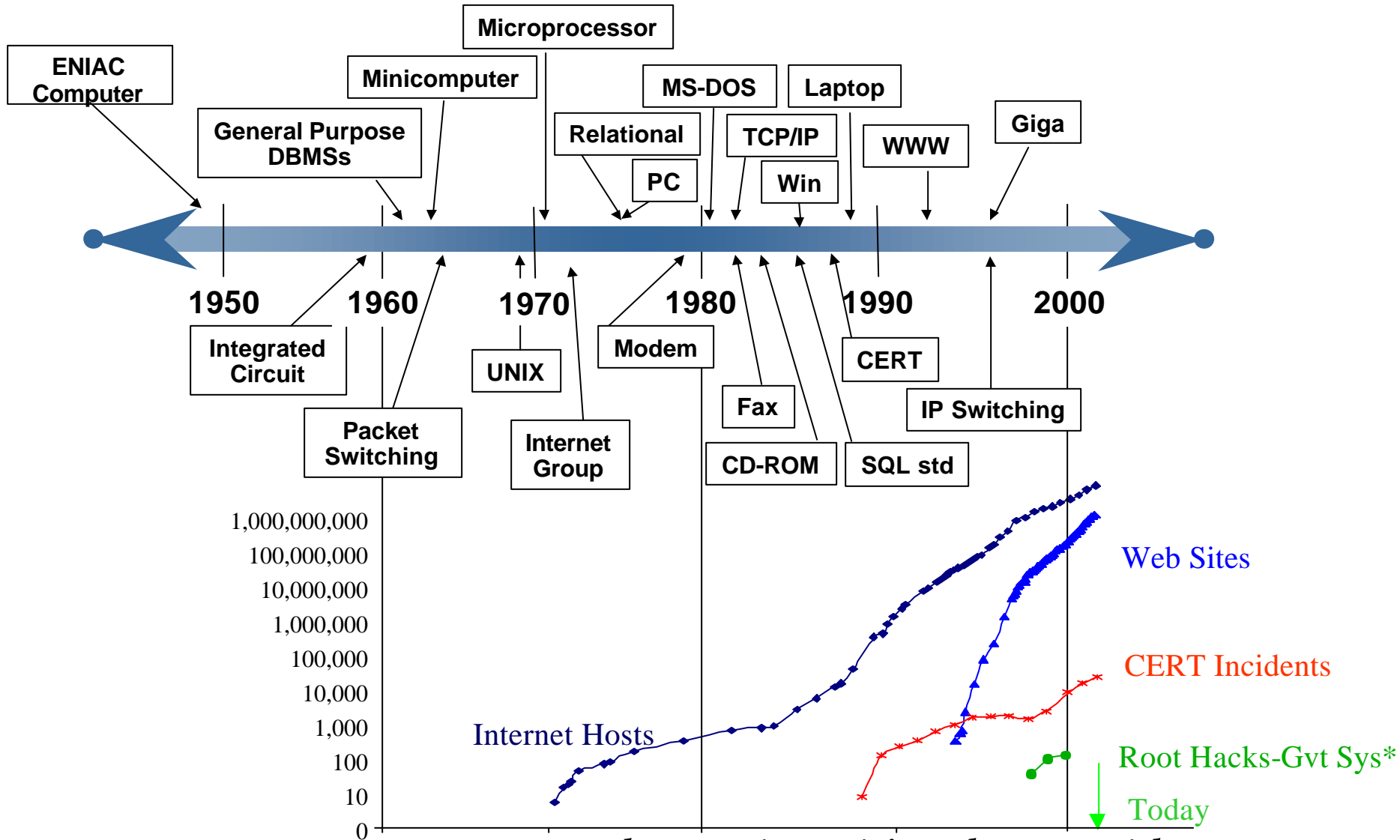
Lt. Gen. John Woodward, the other Air Force deputy CIO and the service's director of communications and information, estimates that operational power is the biggest benefit from data exchange. The

Woodward acknowledged that weapon systems wired to the Web will be even more vulnerable to information warfare attacks and said that information will have to be assured and additional vulnerabilities will simply have "to be dealt with."
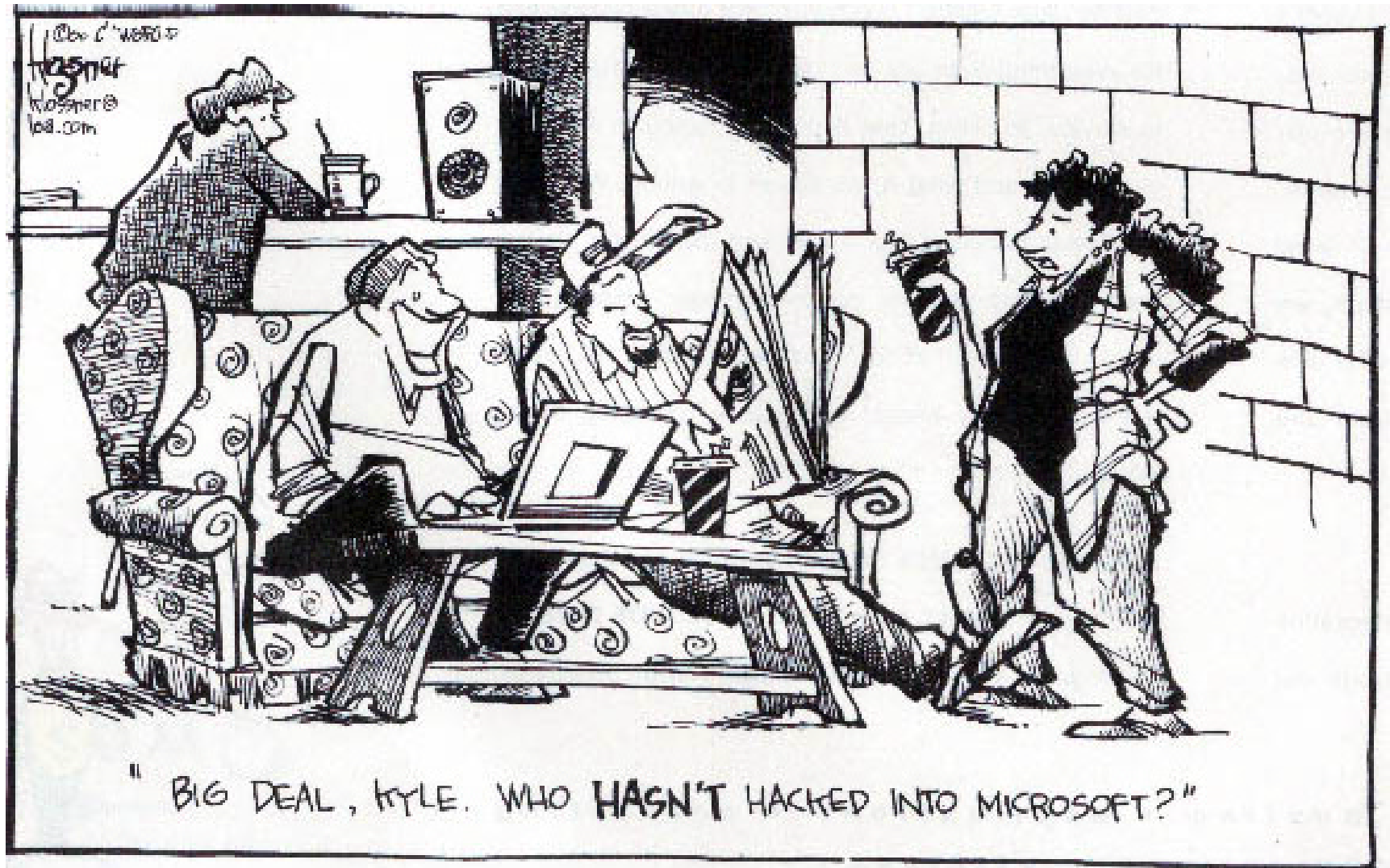
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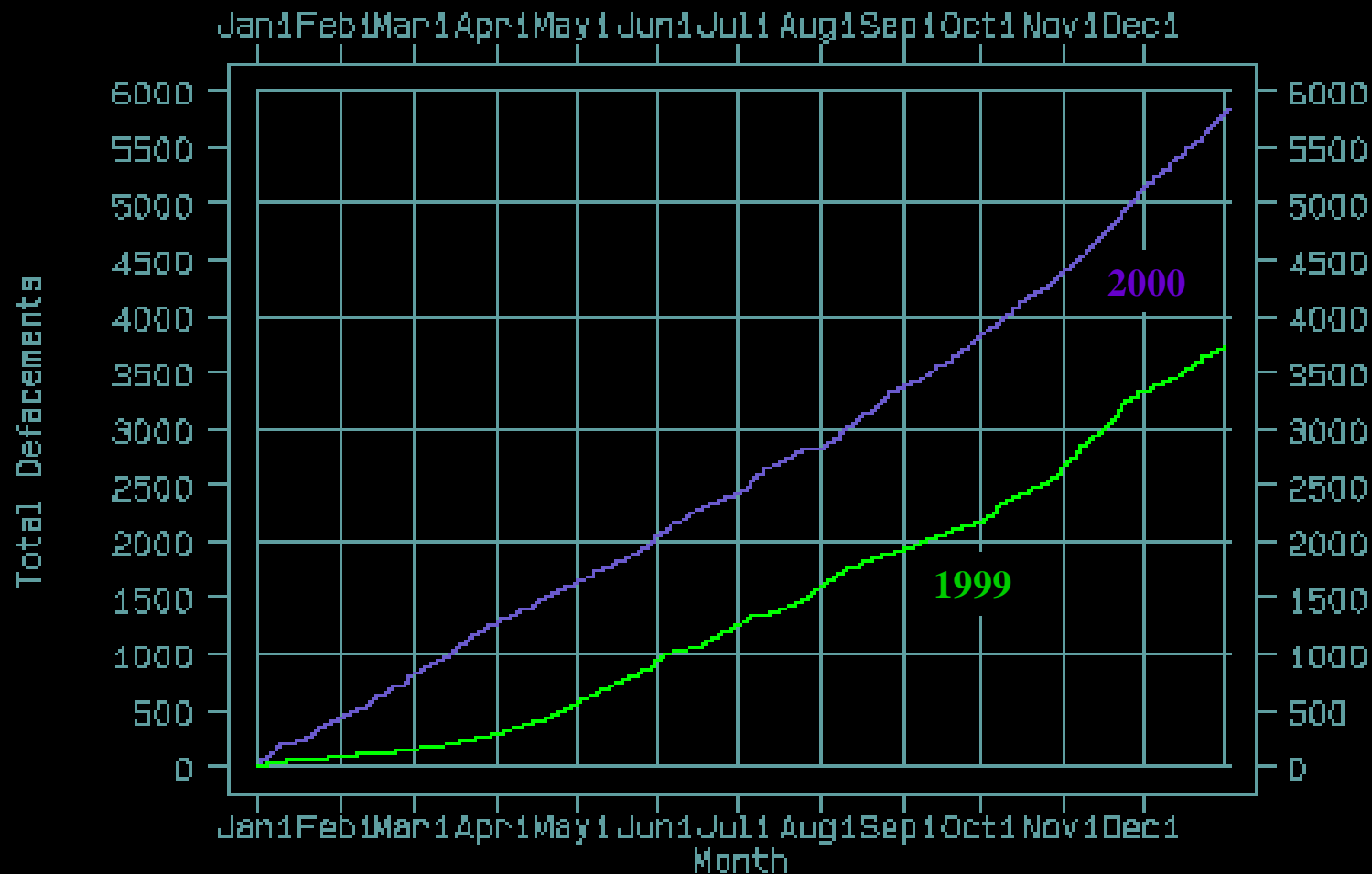

*GSA congressional testimony 4/5/01

and sometimes it's a bumpy ride.

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Organization's Internet-visible "Faces" are being abused through Vulnerabilities in Commercial S/W

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The Wrong Publicity Can Be Bad...

"BIG DEAL, KYLE. WHO **HASN'T** HACKED INTO MICROSOFT?"

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1999 vs. 2000 Daily Hack Cumulative Total Comparison
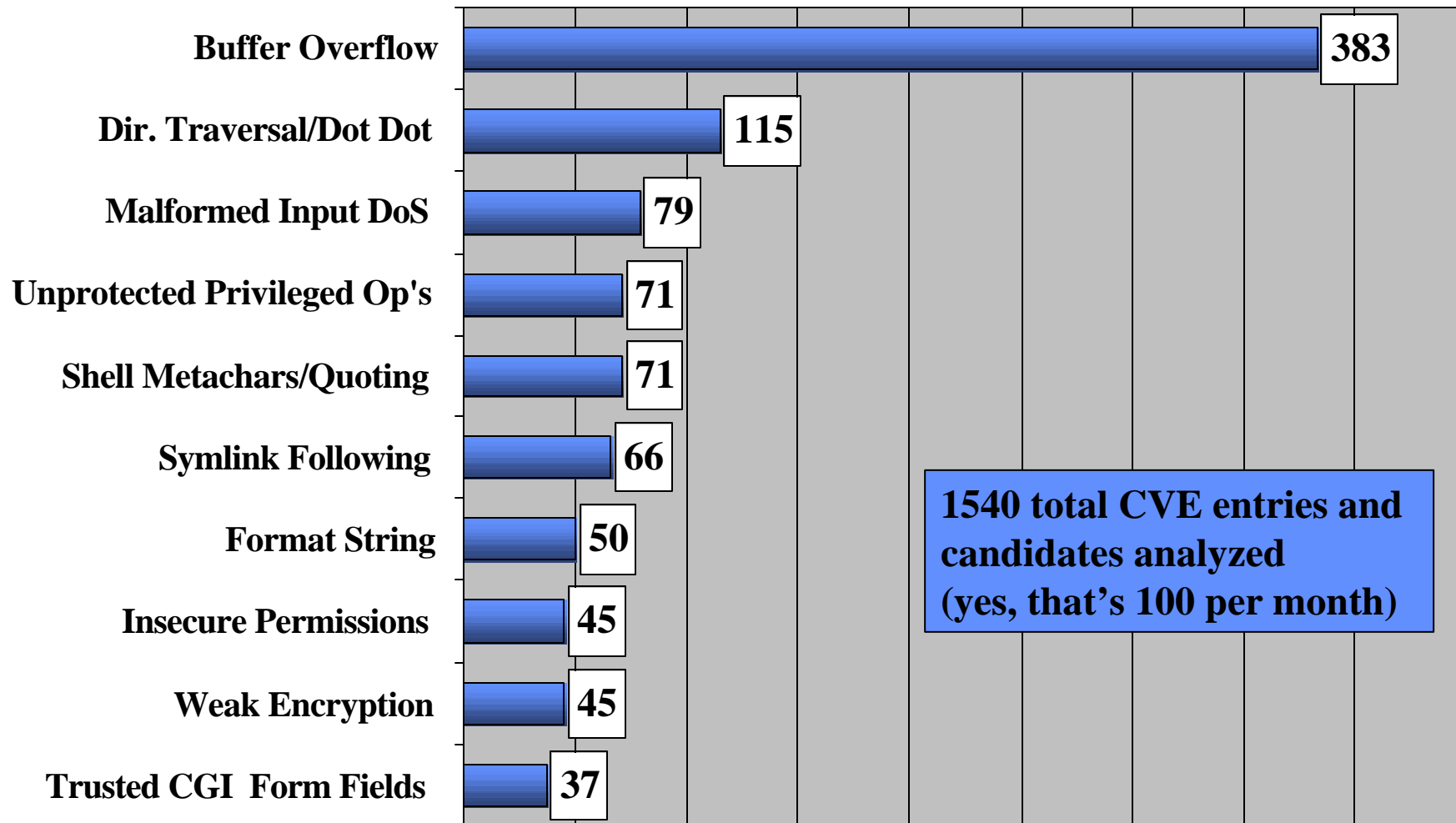

1999-2000 Daily Cumulative Totals

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Software problems with security implications are referred to as Vulnerabilities or Exposures

O **Vulnerabilities are security related software problems that could directly allow serious damage**

O **Examples:**
  – **phf, ToolTalk, Smurf, rpc.cmsd, etc.**
  – **Oracle XSQL servlet 1.0.3.0 and earlier allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary Java code by redirecting the XSQL server to another source via the xml-stylesheet parameter in the xslt stylesheet.** *[9 Jan 01 Georgi Guninski]*

O **Exposures are security related software problems that could be used as stepping stones for a successful attack**

O **Examples:**
  – **Running finger, poor logging practices, etc.**

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Top Ten Vulnerability Types in CVE
(Issues publicized between Jan 2000 and April 2001)

Vulnerability Type	Count
Buffer Overflow	383
Dir. Traversal/Dot Dot	115
Malformed Input DoS	79
Unprotected Privileged Op's	71
Shell Metachars/Quoting	71
Symlink Following	66
Format String	50
Insecure Permissions	45
Weak Encryption	45
Trusted CGI Form Fields	37

1540 total CVE entries and candidates analyzed
(yes, that's 100 per month)

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Vulnerabilities Have Been Found in Almost Every Type of Commercial Software There Is

Mail Servers
1st Up Mail Server
All-Mail
ALMail32
Avirt Mail Server
Becky! Internet Mail
CWMail
Domino Mail Server
Exchange Server
Hotmail
Internet Anywhere Mail Server
ITHouse Mail Server
Microsoft Exchange
Pegasus Mail
Sendmail

Security Software
ACE/Server
BlackICE Agent
BlackICE Defender
Certificate Server
CProxy Server
ETrust Intrusion Detection
GateKeeper
InterScan VirusWall
Kerberos 5
Norton AntiVirus
PGP
SiteMinder
Tripwire

Web servers & tools
Domino HTTP Server
IIS
NCSA Web Server
Sawmill
WebTrends Log Analyzer

Internet
AFS
Apache
BIND
CGI
Cron
IMAP

Routers
3220-H DSL Router
650-ST ISDN Router
Ascend Routers
Cisco Routers
R-series routers

Network Applications
BackOffice
Meeting Maker
NetMeeting

DBMSs
Access
DB2 Universal Database
FileMaker Pro
MSQL
Oracle

Desktop Applications
Acrobat
Clip Art
Excel
FrameMaker
Internet Explorer
Napster client
Notes Client
Novell client
Office
Outlook
PowerPoint
Project
Quake
R5 Client
StarOffice
Timbuktu Pro
Word
Works
Workshop

Development Tools
ClearCase
ColdFusion
Flash
Frontpage
GNU Emacs
JRun
WebLogic Server
Visual Basic
Visual Studio

Operating Systems
AIX
BeOS
BSD/OS
DG/UX
FreeBSD
HP-UX
IRIX
Linux
MacOS Runtime for Java
MPE/iX
NetWare
OpenBSD
Palm OS
Red Hat
Security-Enhanced Linux
Solaris
SunOS
Ultrix
Windows 2000
Windows 95
Windows 98
Windows ME
Windows NT

Firewalls
Firewall-1
Gauntlet Firewall
PIX Firewall
Raptor Firewall
SOHO Firewall

Sample of Vulnerabilities Announced in 1999 & 2000

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So how do you find out about commercial software vulnerabilities if the vendors aren't going to tell you?

Three groups have emerged who share that same curiosity

0 **Hackers**
- **want to find vulnerabilities and exposures so they can exploit them to gain access to systems**

0 **Commercial interests groups**
- **want to be hired to find, or want you to buy their tools to help you find, the vulnerabilities and exposures**
- **offer services to come and do an evaluation of your systems**

0 **Philanthropists**
- **include security researchers in various government, academic, and non-profit organizations, as well as unaffiliated individuals that enjoy searching for vulnerabilities and exposures**
- **usually share their knowledge and tools freely**

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There are Many Different types of Groups Involved in Providing Information about Vulnerabilities

Discovery

Incident Handling

Analysis

Detection

Collection

Protection

Multiple Name Spaces for Vulnerabilities

- *Mailing lists, Newsgroups, and Hacker sites*

- *Academic Studies*
- *Advisories*

- *Incident Response Teams*
- *Incident Reports*

- *Intrusion Detection Systems*

- *Databases*
- *Newsletters*

- *Vulnerability Assessment Tools*

The rule has been, "Whoever finds it, names it"

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Implications of multiple name spaces for information on vulnerabilities

0 **Difficult to correlate data across multiple organizations and tools**
  - **IDS and assessment tools**
  - **Security tools and fix information**
  - **Incident information**

0 **Difficult to conduct a detailed comparison of tools or databases (Vulnerabilities are counted differently)**

Vulnerability Sharing databases and web sites

Site Name	Type	Organization
arachNIDS	free IDS database	Max Vision Network Security/Whitehats
CERIAS Vulnerability Database	database	CERIAS/Purdue University
Fyodor's Playhouse	hacker web site	Insecure.Org
Online Vulnerability Database	database	Ernst & Young's eSecurityOnline.com
ICAT Metabase	free web site	NIST
Bugtraq mailing list Database	mailing list database	SecurityFocus.com
PacketStorm	hacker web site	Securify, Inc.
SWAT Database	database	AXENT Technologies

Alert and Advisory Services - From Security Groups & Organizations

Service	Type	Organization
Bugtraq	e-mail list	Bugtraq
Casandra	alerts	CERIAS/Purdue University
CERT Advisories	advisory	CERT Coordination Center
CyberNotes	monthly newsletter	NIPC
Razor	advisory	Bindview Corporation
S.A.F.E.R.	monthly newsletter	The Relay Group

Protection/Detection Scanner and IDS tools & services

Product	Tool Type	Organization
Centrax	scanner/IDS	CyberSafe
CyberCop	scanner	Network Associates
Dragon	IDS	Network Security Wizards
HackerShield	scanner	BindView Corporation
LANPATROL	IDS	Network Security Systems
Nessus	freeware scanner	Renaud Deraison & Jordan Hrycaj
Prowler	IDS	AXENT Technologies
QualysGuard	ASP-based scanner	Qualys
Secure	IDS	Internet Security Systems
Retriever	scanner	Symantec Corporation
NT	scanner	World Wide Digital Security
Secure IDS	IDS	Cisco Systems
STAT	scanner	Harris Corporation
SWARM	scanner	Hiverworld, Inc.

Alert and Advisory Services - From Software Vendor Groups & Organizations

Service	Type	Organization
IBM ERS	advisory	IBM
Microsoft Product Security Notification Service	advisory	Microsoft Corporation
SGI Security Advisory	advisory	Silicon Graphics, Inc.
Sun-alert	alert	Sun Microsystems, Inc.

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The adoption of CVE Names by the Security Community is starting to address this problem

Organization
CERT
CyberSafe
ISS
AXENT
Bugtraq
BindView
Cisco
IBM ERS
CERIAS
NAI

Netscape: CVE-1999-0067

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures
The Key to Information Sharing

HOME   CVE LIST   ABOUT   NEWS AND EVENTS   EDITORIAL BOARD   COMPATIBLE PRODUCTS   REGISTER

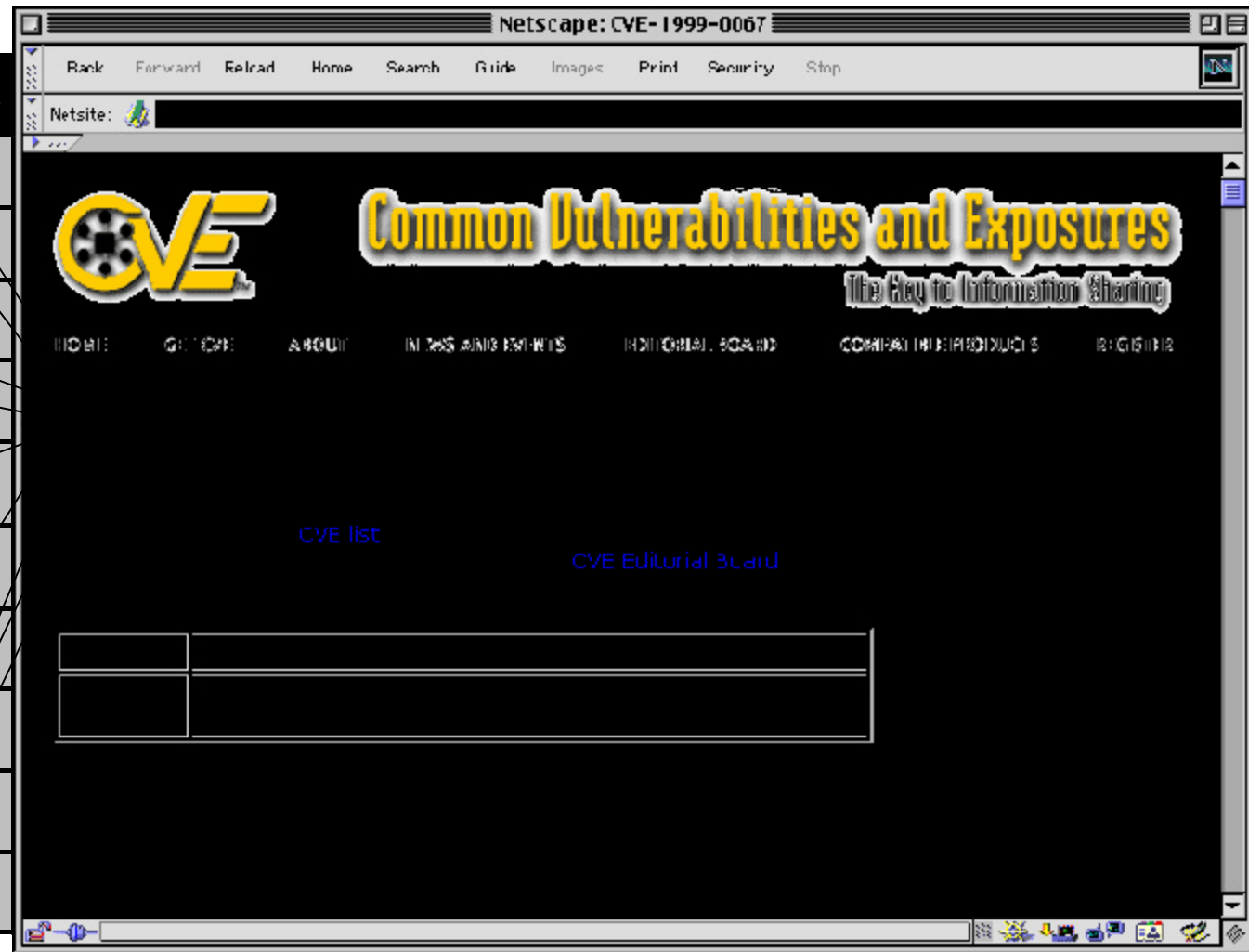CVE list

CVE Editorial Board

Along with the new rule, "Whoever finds it, gets a CVE name for it"

The Vulnerability Information Sharing Process with CVE - - *"Whoever finds it, gets a CVE name for it"*

0 **Assigning a unique identifier to each problem**
0 **Remaining independent of any particular perspective**
  – **Not just a developer's, researcher's, tester's, or analyst's view**
0 **A community-wide effort via:**
  – **the CVE Editorial Board, the CVE Advisory Council, and the organizations adding CVE names into their tools, databases, web sites, & services**
0 **Publicly open and shared**
  – **Will eventually list all publicly known security problems**

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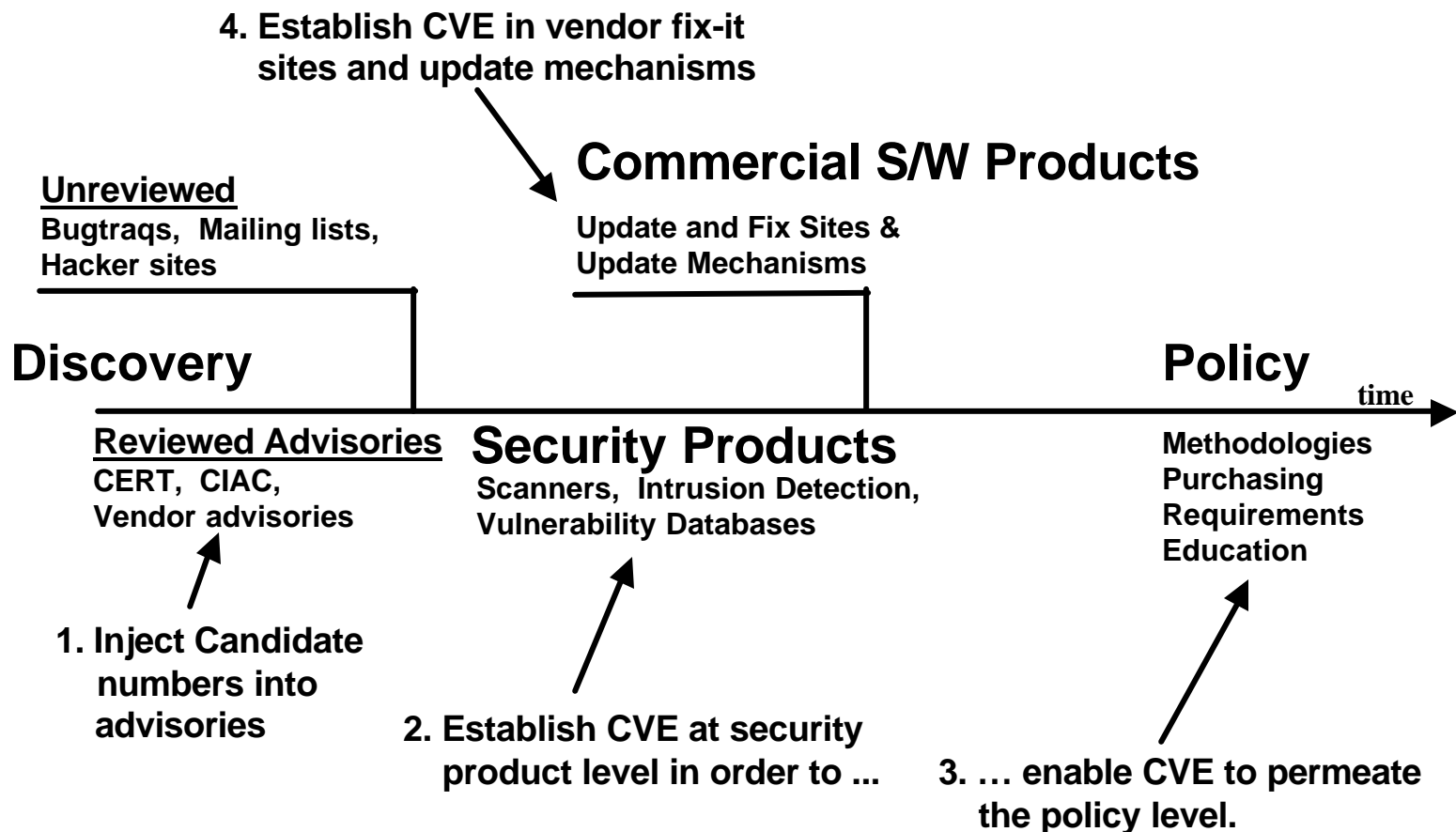# The Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) Initiative

o **An international security community activity led by MITRE focused on developing a list that provides common names for publicly known information security vulnerabilities and exposures.**

o **Key tenets**
  - **One name for one vulnerability or exposure**
  - **One standardized description for each vulnerability or exposure**
  - **Existence as a dictionary rather than a database**
  - **Publicly accessible for review or download from the Internet**
  - **Industry participation in open forum (editorial board)**

o **The CVE list and information about the CVE effort are available on the CVE web site at [cve.mitre.org]**

1604 approved entries, 1880 being voted on, ~5000 under analysis, ~100-130 new/month

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The CVE Strategy

4. Establish CVE in vendor fix-it sites and update mechanisms

Commercial S/W Products

Update and Fix Sites & Update Mechanisms

Unreviewed
Bugtraqs, Mailing lists, Hacker sites

Discovery

Policy

time

Reviewed Advisories
CERT, CIAC, Vendor advisories

Security Products
Scanners, Intrusion Detection, Vulnerability Databases

Methodologies
Purchasing
Requirements
Education

1. Inject Candidate numbers into advisories

2. Establish CVE at security product level in order to ...

3. … enable CVE to permeate the policy level.

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The latest organization to start using CVE names in their alerts and advisories

Cisco

CVE as CAN-2001-0669.

The company with the most alerts using CVE names

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What does CVE-compatible mean?

o **CVE-compatible means that a tool or database can "speak CVE" and correlate data with other CVE-compatible products**

o **CVE-compatible means it meets the following requirements:**
   - **Can find items by CVE name (CVE searchable)**
   - **Includes CVE name in output for each item (CVE output)**
   - **Provided MITRE with "vulnerability" item mappings to validate the accuracy of the product or services CVE entries**
   - **Makes a good faith effort to keep mappings accurate**

Organizations With Products That Use CVE
(as of 15 October 2001)

0 **These organizations have publicly declared that they are working on (over 60) CVE-compatible tools, databases, web sites, or services**

Advanced Research Corp	**nCircle** *(formerly Hiverworld)*
Alliance Qualité Logiciel	**The Nessus Project**
BindView Development	**Network Security Systems**
CERIAS/Purdue University	**NIST**
CERT Coordination Center	**nSecure Software (P) LTD.**
Cisco Systems	**NTBugtraq**
CS&S Corportation	**Penta Security Systems**
CyberSafe	**PGP Security, NAI**
CYRANO	**Qualys**
UC Davis	**SANS**
Enterasys Networks *(bought Network Security Wizards)*	**Security Focus, Inc.**
Entercept Security Technologies	**SecurityWatch**
Ernst & Young	**spiDYNAMICS**
Foundstone, Inc.	**Symantec**
Harris Corporation	**Tiger Testing**
Intranode	**Tivoli Systems Inc.**
Intrusion.com	**Tsinghua UnisNet Technology, Ltd.**
Internet Security Systems	**Venus Information Technology Inc.**
LURHQ Corporation	**World Wide Digital Security**
Max Vision Network Security/Whitehats	

Up-to-date list at http://cve.mitre.org/compatible   **MITRE**

Examples of CVE-compatible items:
The ICAT Metabase

08.13.01   Government Computer News

CVE-names

http://icat.nist.gov

Examples continued:
Cassandra

CVE-names

https://cassandra.cerias.purdue.edu

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Using CVE in the Enterprise

I need to fix these vulnerabilities

My scanner can't find CVE-3, and I need patches for CVE-1

Security Bulletins

CVE-1
CVE-2
CVE-3

Vulnerability Scanner

CVE-1
CVE-2

Attack CVE-3

Attack CVE-2

Attack CVE-1

CVE-3

CVE-1

CVE-1 is on my network

Attacks

- CVE-1: that system is not vulnerable, so don't send an alert
- CVE-2: my scanner must work well
- CVE-3: my IDS must work well

CVE-1
CVE-3

IDS

Web Sites

My IDS can't detect attacks on CVE-2

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CVE compatibility provides a path for integrating information on Vulnerabilities and Exposures

CVE compatibility means that a tool or database can "speak CVE" and correlate data with other CVE-compatible products.

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Example using CVE compatibility to go from Advisories to Vulnerability Scanners to IDSes

Do my systems have these problems? → **Do my tools test for these problems?** → **Does my IDS have the signatures?**

Popular Attacks

CVE-1
CVE-2
CVE-3
CVE-4

Tool 1
CVE-1
CVE-2
CVE-3

Tool 2
CVE-3
CVE-4

IDS
CVE-1
CVE-3
CVE-4

Since I can't detect exploits of CVE-2 I better be sure that Tool 1 is real good at checking for it.

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A CVE-Enabled Process Leverages CVE compatibility

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CVE Editorial Board

o **Includes mostly technical representatives from 30 different organizations including researchers, tool vendors, response teams, and end users**

o **Reviews and approves CVE entries**

o **Discusses issues related to CVE maintenance**

o **Holds monthly meetings (face-to-face or phone)**

o **Maintains publicly viewable mailing list archives [cve.mitre.org/board/archives]**

Where the CVE List comes from

AXENT, BindView, Harris, Cisco, CERIAS

Vulnerability

Legacy Submissions

Databases

Hiverworld, SecurityFocus, ISS, NAI, Symantec, Nessus

~8400

Alerts & Advisories
5–15 per/month

New Submissions
150–300 per/month

New Vulnerabilities

CVE Content Team

ISS, SecurityFocus, Neohapsis, NIPC CyberNotes

CVE Candidates

~1880

Editorial Board

Yes Yes Yes

CVE List

~1604

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CVE Growth

Status
(as of Oct 15, 2001)
- 1604 entries
- 1880 candidates

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Major CVE Milestones

First Face-to-face Editorial Board Meeting

CVE Booth attended by Board Members

Boston Globe Article

Board Consultation on DDoS Roadmap

First Candidate Numbers In Security Advisories

SANS Top Ten List Released

Candidate Number in CERT Advisory

Board Meeting in Denver

1000 CVE Entries

Candidate Numbers in SGI and IBM Advisories

1/99 — 9/99 — 11/99 — 1/00 — 3/00 — 5-6/00 — 7/00 — 9/00 — 11/00

5/99 — 10/99 — 12/99 — 2/00 — 4/00 — 6/00 — 8/00 — 10/00 — 12/00

First CVE Presentation

First CVE Version Released

Databases Contributed by Board Members

Candidates on CVE Web Site

Board Meeting at AXENT

SANS Technology Leadership Award

Voting Web Site for Board Members

CVE Booths at SANS, NISSC, and FedCIRC

CVE Booth at InfoSec World

Candidate Number in Microsoft Advisory

CVE paper published in DoD's CrossTalk Magazine

CVE Presentation at AFCEA Federal DB Colloquim

CVE Presentation at NDIA Sys Eng Conference

CVE Booth at SANS

CVE Presentation at RSA Conference proposed

CVE Booth at SANS

1/01 — 3/01 — 5/01 — 7/01 — 9/01 — 11/01 — 1/02 — 3/02 — 5/02

2/01 — 4/01 — 6/01 — 8/01 — 10/01 — 12/01 — 2/02 — 4/02 — 6/02

Candidate Number in COMPAQ Advisory

First CVE-compatible Service

Board Meeting in Austin

CVE Presentation at DoD Software Technology Conference & DOE Security Conference

CVE Presentation at BlackHat

Candidate Number in HP and Cisco Advisories

SANS / FBI Top 20 List Released

CVE Booth FIAC

CVE paper published in IEEE's COMPUTER Magazine

CVE Presentation at QualityWeek Europe 2001

CVE Booth at InfoSec World

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CVE Web Site Statistics

- Unique IP's
- CVE Downloads
- Candidate D/L

Notes

- **Referers: Search engines, security tools, databases, security advisories, college campuses**
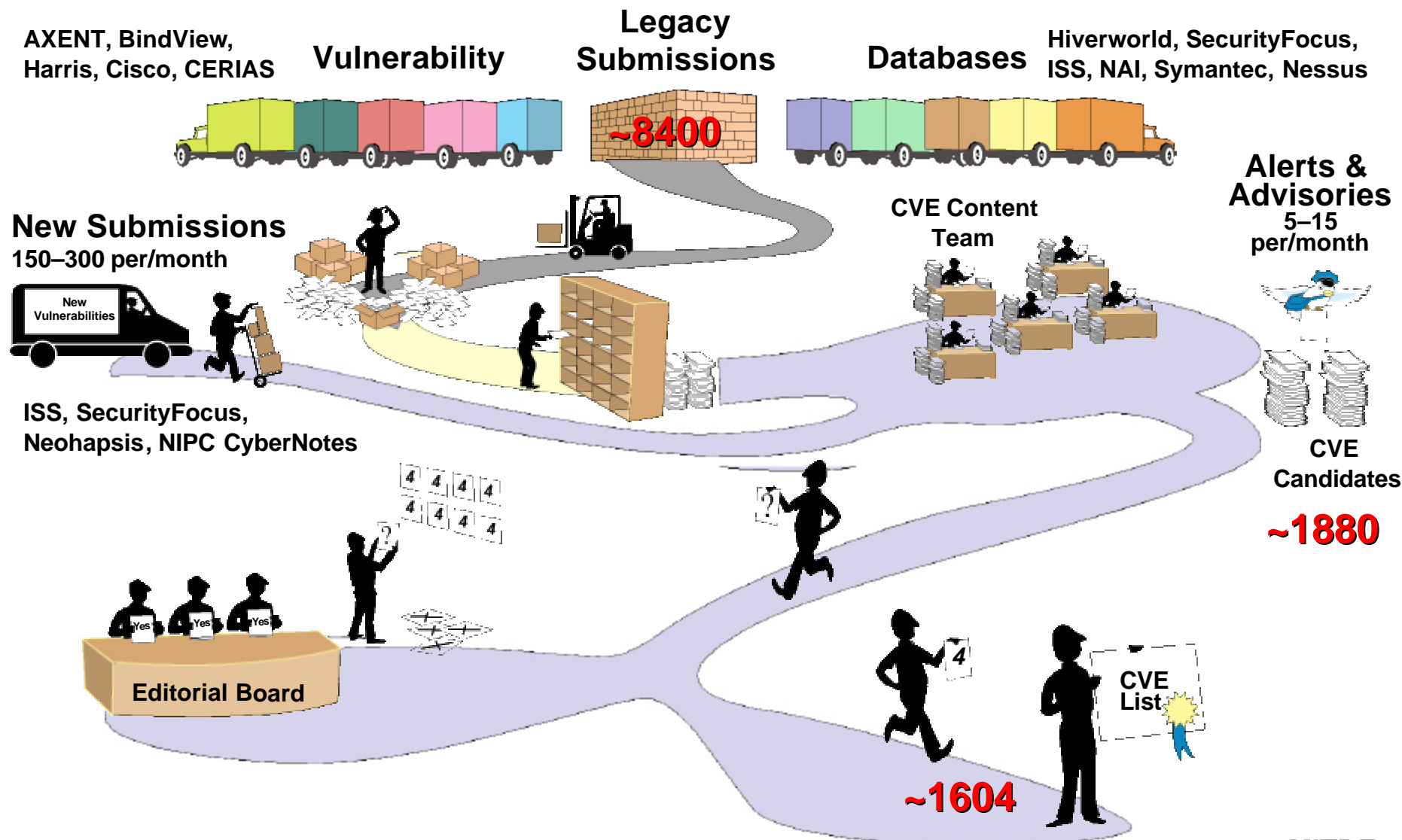- **Main countries: Japan, France, UK, Canada, Germany, Korea, etc.**

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SANS Institute 2001 Top Ten uses CVE names
…another step down the policy road

2. Vulnerable CGI programs and application extensions (e.g., ColdFusion) installed on web servers.

Most web servers support Common Gateway Interface (CGI) programs to provide interactivity in web pages, such as data collection and verification. Many web servers come with sample CGI programs installed by default. Unfortunately, many CGI programmers fail to consider ways in which their programs may be misused or subverted to execute malicious commands. Vulnerable CGI programs present a particularly attractive target to intruders because they are relatively easy to locate, and they operate with the privileges and power of the web server software itself. Intruders are known to have exploited vulnerable CGI programs to vandalize web pages, steal credit card information, and set up back doors to enable future intrusions, even if the CGI programs are secured. When Janet Reno's picture was replaced by that of Adolph Hitler at the Department of Justice web site, an in-depth assessment concluded that a CGI hole was the most probable avenue of compromise. Allaire's ColdFusion is a web server application package which includes vulnerable sample programs when installed. As a general rule, sample programs should always be removed from production systems.

Systems Affected:
All web servers.

CVE Entries:
** Sample CGI programs (All CGI)
Remedy:
Remove all sample CGI programs on a production server.

CAN-1999-0736(IIS 4.0, Microsoft Site Server 3.0, which is included with Microsoft Site Server 3.0 Commerce Edition, Microsoft Commercial Internet System 2.0, and Microsoft BackOffice Server 4.0 and 4.5)

(see http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms99-013.asp)
Remedy:
Apply patch at : ftp://ftp.microsoft.com/bussys/iis/iis-public/fixes/usa/Viewcode-fix/

CVE-1999-0067 (phf phone book program included with older NCSA and Apache server)
CVE-1999-0068 ('mylog.html' sample script shipped with the PHP/FI)
CVE-1999-0270 (IRIX 6.2, IRIX 6.3, IRIX 6.4)
CVE-1999-0346 (sample script shipped with the PHP/FI package)
CVE-2000-0207 (IRIX 6.5)

CVE-names

http://www.sans.org/topten.htm

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FBI/SANS Institute 2001 Top Twenty uses CVE names
…yet another step down the policy road

All

CVE-names

Unix

Windows

Note 2. CVE Numbers
You'll find references to (
and Exposures) numbers
also see CAN numbers. (
entries that are not yet ful
Award-winning CVE pro
Vulnerabilities section, the CVE num
Some of the vulnerabilities that are co
Those CVE lists are not meant to be a
Windows and Unix Vulnerabilities, th
Priority vulnerabilities that should be

http://www.sans.org/top20.htm

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Defense Science Board Report on Defensive Information Operations calls for CVE-compatible Products

Protecting the Homeland

**Report of the
Defense Science Board Task Force**

on

**DEFENSIVE INFORMATION OPERATIONS
2000 Summer Study
Volume II**

March 2001

Office of the Undersecretary of Defense
For Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
Washington, D.C. 20301-3140

Furthermore, preference should be given to products that are Compatible with the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) list. CVE is a list of Information security vulnerabilities and exposures that aims to provide common names for Publicly known problems. The goal of CVE is to make it easier to share data across separate Vulnerability databases and security tools with a "common enumeration."

http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/tfreports.htm

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CVE Has Become Part of Product Comparisons…a step down the road of policy...

Vulnerability Scanner Features

	Axent Technologies NetRecon 3.0 + SU7	BindView HackerShield	eEye Digital Security Retina	Internet Security Systems Internet Scanner	Nessus Security Scanner	Network Associates CyberCop Scanner	SARA	World Wide Digital Security SAINT
Price	Starts at $1,995	$19.95 per IP scanned	Starts at $1,145	Starts at $2,795	Free	$32 per node, $2,252 server	Free	Free (report generator starts at $100)
Platform	Windows NT	Windows NT	Windows NT	Windows NT Workstation	Unix	Windows NT	Unix	Unix
Built-in automatic signature update feature	● (download from Web)	●	●	●	● (download from Web)	●	○	○
Scans for host vulnerabilities	○	●	●	●	○	●	○	○
CVE cross-references	○	●	○	●	●	○	●	●
Automatic fixing of select vulnerabilities	○	●	●	○	○	●	○	○
Open source	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●
Command-line automation	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
Integrates with a data-management suite	● (Enterprise Security Manager)	○	○	● (ISS SafeSuite)	○	● (Security Management Interface)	○	○
Capable of custom security checks	○	○	○	○	● (NASL)	● (CASL)	●	●

● Yes ○ No

Network Computing Article "Vulnerability Assessment Scanners" (1/8/2001)

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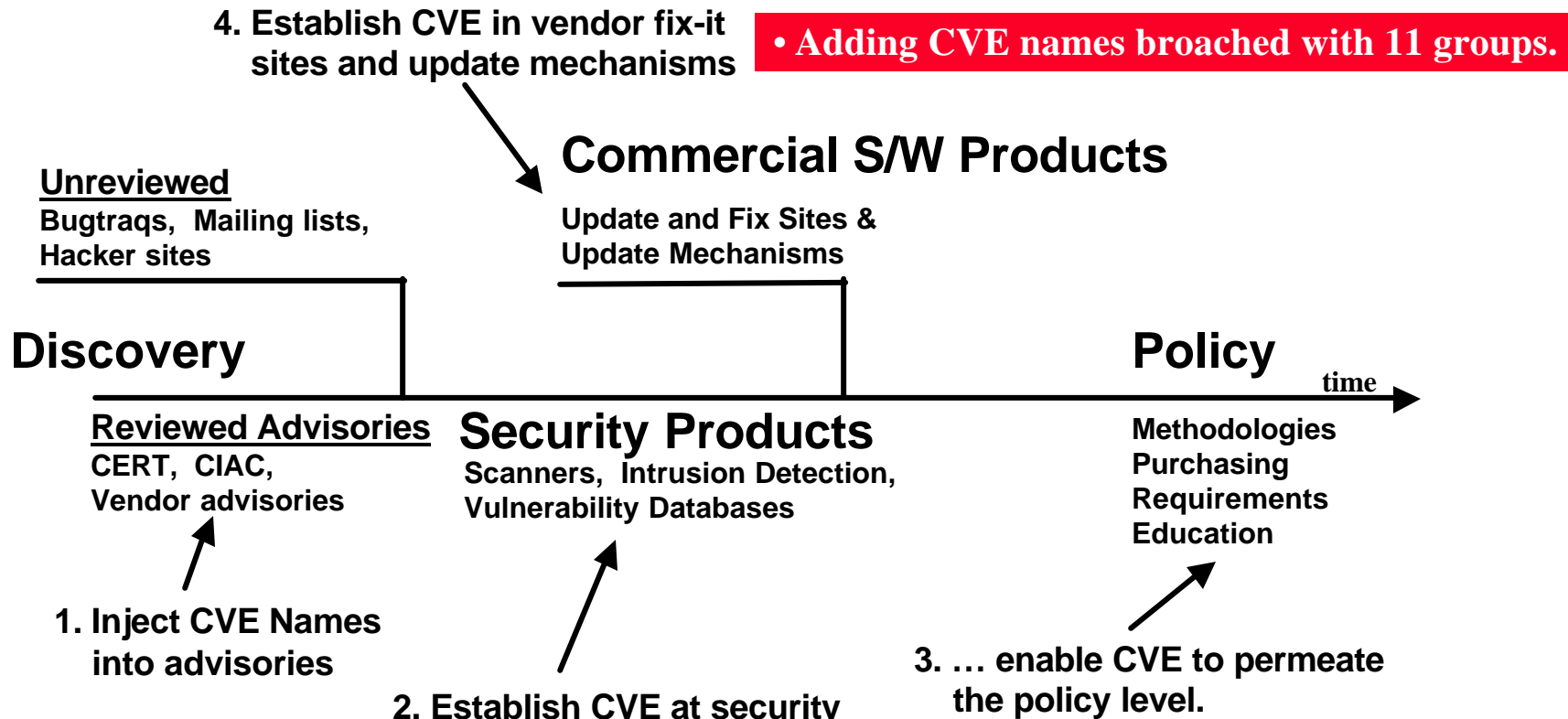# CVE Enables Detailed Product Comparisons

NETWORK IDS FEATURES

	Cisco Secure IDS 2.5	Computer Associates eTrust	CyberSafe Centrax 2.4	Enterasys Dragon 4.2	Intrusion.com SecureNet Pro 3.2	ISS BlackICE Sentry 2.5	ISS RealSecure 5.5	NFR Security Network Intrusion Detection	Snort 1.7	Symantec NetProwler 3.5
Platform	Appliance	Windows NT/2000	Windows NT/2000	Appliance, BSD, Linux, Solaris	Appliance, Linux	Windows NT/2000	Solaris, Windows NT/2000	Appliance	BSD, Linux, Solaris, Windows NT	Windows NT/2000
Held up on the Bruisernet	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y (on final revision)	Y	N
NIDS/HIDS agents	Y/N	Y/N	Y/Y	Y/Y	Y/N	Y/N	Y/Y	Y/N	Y/N	Y/Y
Integrated HIDS/NIDS management platform	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	Y
Integrates with file integrity checkers	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N
SNMP traps for integration into management platform	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Back-end database API	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y (MySQL)	N
Management platform (console)	Windows NT/2000	Windows NT/2000	Windows NT/2000	Unix	Linux	Web	Windows NT/2000	Windows NT/2000	CLI	Windows NT/2000
Remote sensor management	CLI/CSPM	Windows NT/2000	Windows NT/2000	CLI/Web	GUI	Windows NT/2000, Web	GUI	Console	CLI	Windows NT/2000
Stealth mode (unbound sniffing NIC)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Frag reassembly	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
TCP stream reassembly	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Automatic signature update capabilities	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y (if scripted)	Y
CVE cross-references	**N**	**N**	**Y**	**Y**	**N**	**Y**	**N**	**N**	**Y (if Whitehats)**	**Y**
Open signature rule sets	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Customizable signatures	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Update frequency	Quarterly and mailing list alerts	As needed	Quarterly and as needed	Weekly	Monthly	As needed	Quarterly and mailing list alerts	As needed	Daily releases	N/A

NETWORK IDS SIGNATURE RESULTS

Attack	CVE	No. of packets	Cisco Secure IDS 2.5	Enterasys Dragon 4.2	Intrusion.com SecureNet Pro 3.2	ISS BlackICE Sentry 2.5	ISS RealSecure 5.5	NFR Security NFR Network Intrusion Detection	Snort 1.7	Symantec NetProwler 3.5
AMD	CVE-1999-0704	11	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
RDS	CVE-1999-1011	22	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WU-FTP	CVE-1999-0368	44	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
SNMP write	CAN-1999-0517	2	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Guest SMB login	CAN-1999-0519	19	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
IMAPD	CVE-1999-0005	8	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
PHF	CVE-1999-0067	10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Unicode	CVE-2000-0884	10	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
IIS 5 ISAPI	CAN-2001-0241	11	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Total (out of 9)			6	9	2	5	8	7	8	2
Detect attacks fragmented (Frag-T9)			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

Y = YES N = NO

Tables from Network Computing Article "To Catch a THIEF" (8/20/2001)

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The CVE Strategy: Where are we? (as of 17 October 2001)

4. Establish CVE in vendor fix-it sites and update mechanisms

• **Adding CVE names broached with 11 groups.**

Commercial S/W Products

Update and Fix Sites & Update Mechanisms

Unreviewed
Bugtraqs, Mailing lists, Hacker sites

Discovery

Policy

time

Reviewed Advisories
CERT, CIAC, Vendor advisories

Security Products

Scanners, Intrusion Detection, Vulnerability Databases

Methodologies
Purchasing
Requirements
Education

1. Inject CVE Names into advisories

3. … enable CVE to permeate the policy level.

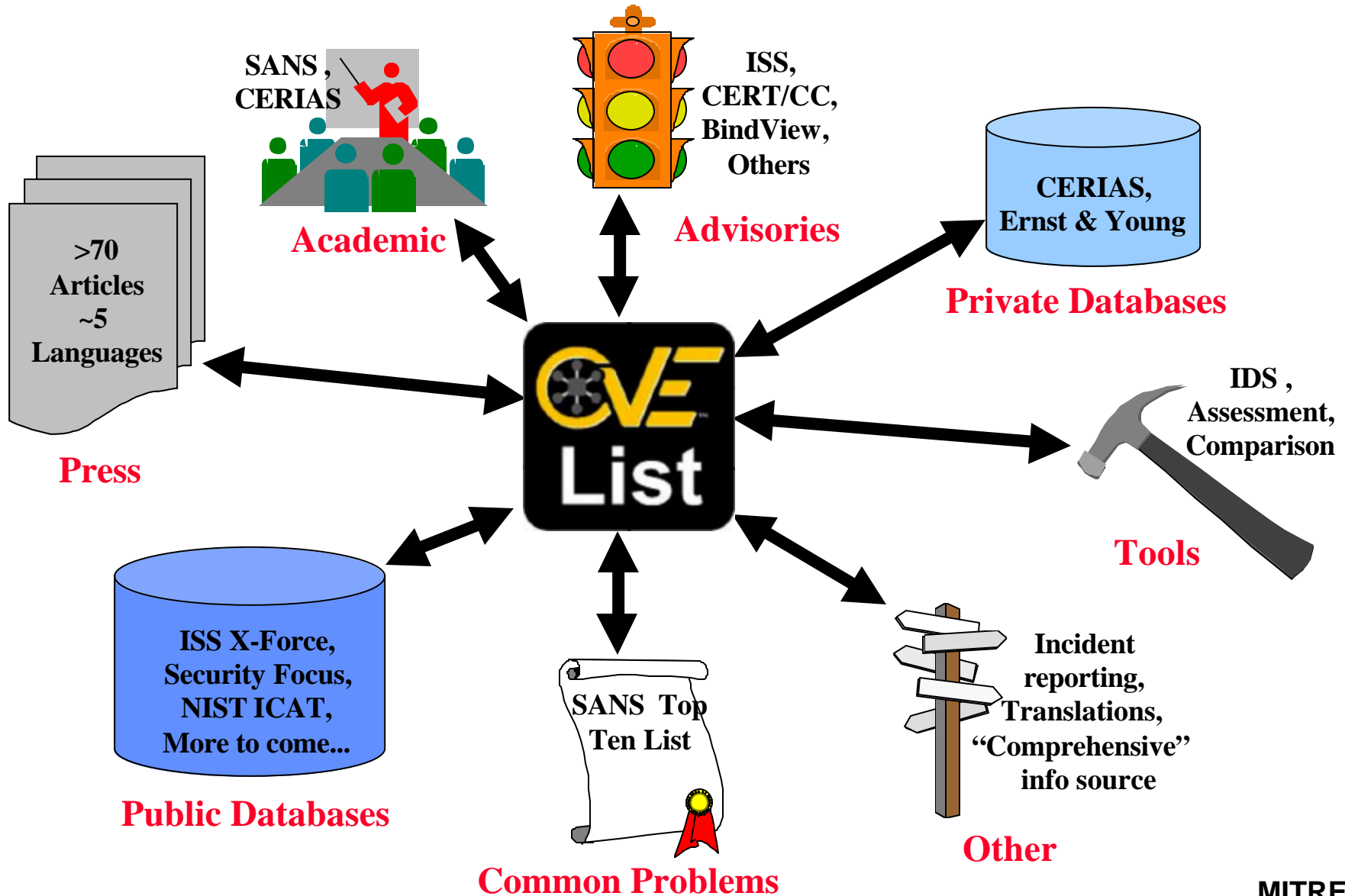**2. Establish CVE at security product level in order to ...**

So far, advisories from ISS X-Force, Rain Forest Puppy, BindView, Compaq, SGI, IBM, CERT/CC, Microsoft, HP, and CISCO have included CVE names.
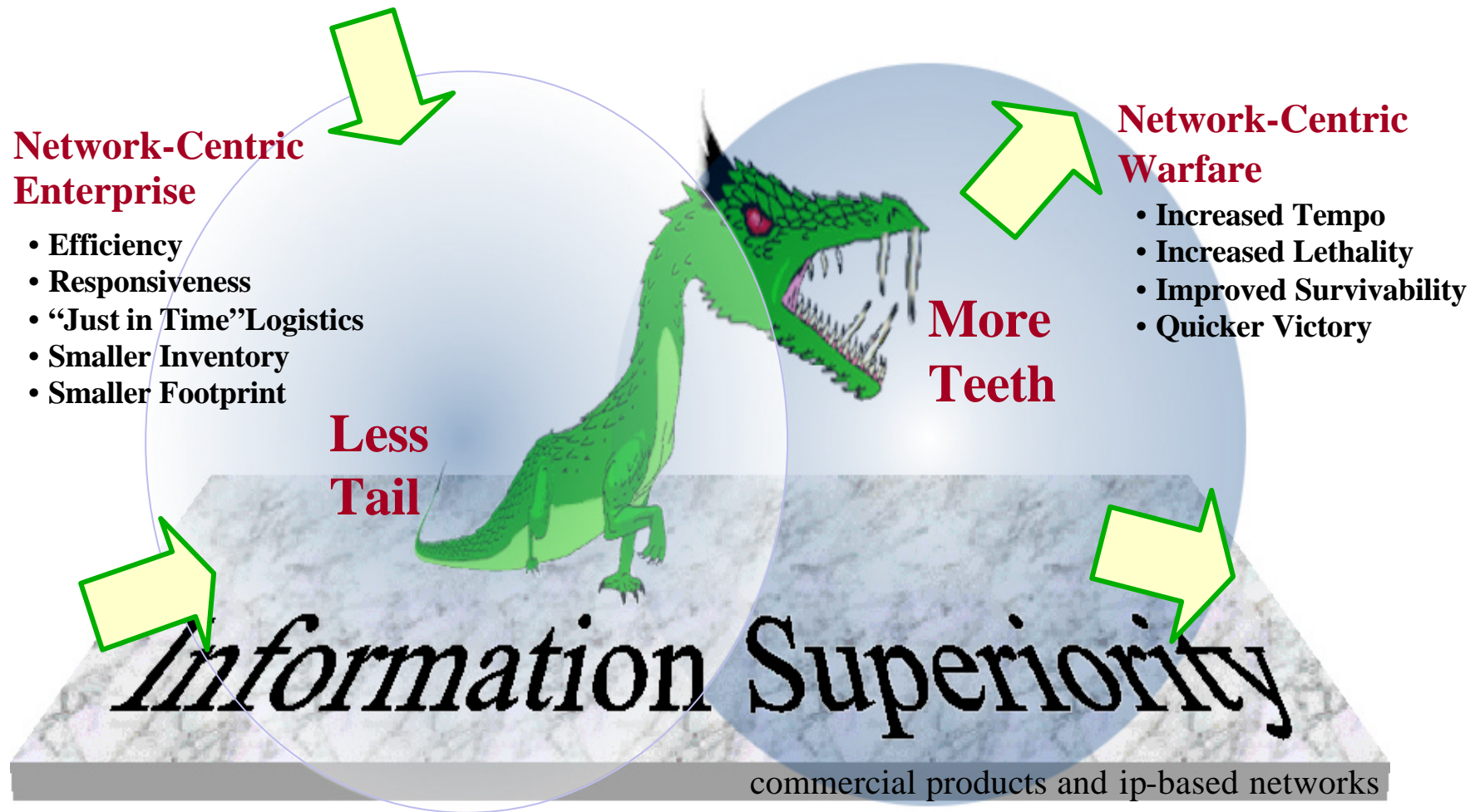
• **1604 CVE Entries -- 1880 Candidates.**
• **64 CVE-compatible products from 39 groups.**
• **14 more from 12 others in "the works".**

• **SANS / FBI Top 20 uses CVE names**
• **Network Computing IDS & Scanner Comparisons included CVE**
• **DSB Report calls for CVE compatibility**
• **Network World IDS Comparison included CVE coverage**

CVE is the center of many activities and efforts…
...and it's still growing

SANS , CERIAS

Academic

ISS, CERT/CC, BindView, Others

Advisories

CERIAS, Ernst & Young

Private Databases

>70 Articles ~5 Languages

Press

IDS , Assessment, Comparison

Tools

ISS X-Force, Security Focus, NIST ICAT, More to come...

Public Databases

SANS Top Ten List

Common Problems

Incident reporting, Translations, "Comprehensive" info source

Other

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CVE is helping make the critical task of effective vulnerability management possible

Network-Centric Enterprise

- Efficiency
- Responsiveness
- "Just in Time" Logistics
- Smaller Inventory
- Smaller Footprint

Less Tail

More Teeth

Network-Centric Warfare

- Increased Tempo
- Increased Lethality
- Improved Survivability
- Quicker Victory

Information Superiority
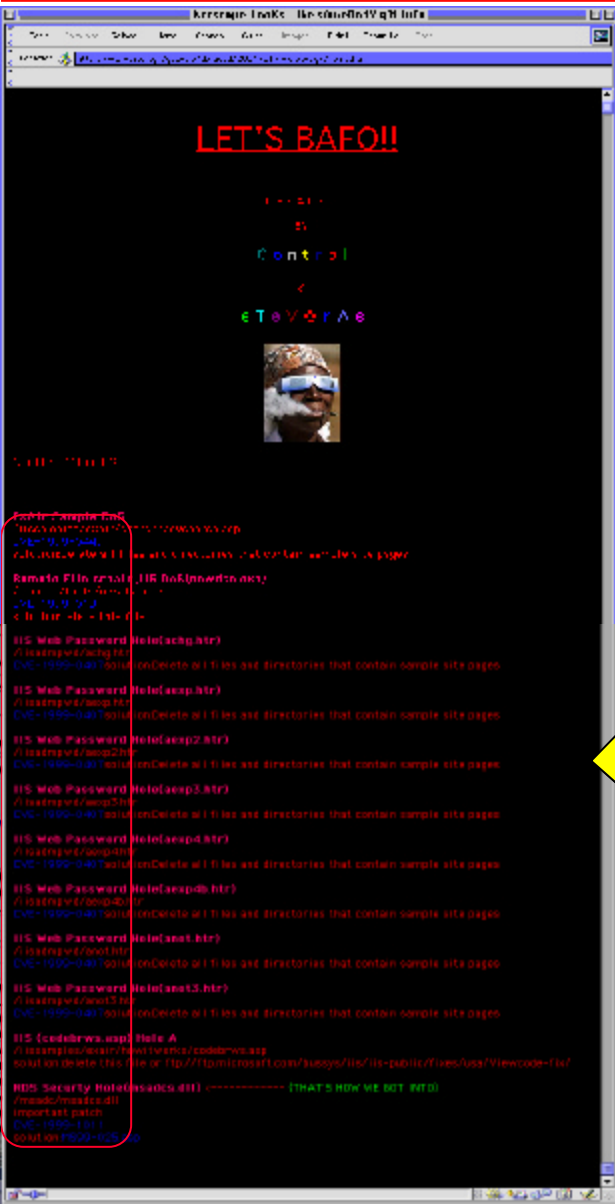
commercial products and ip-based networks

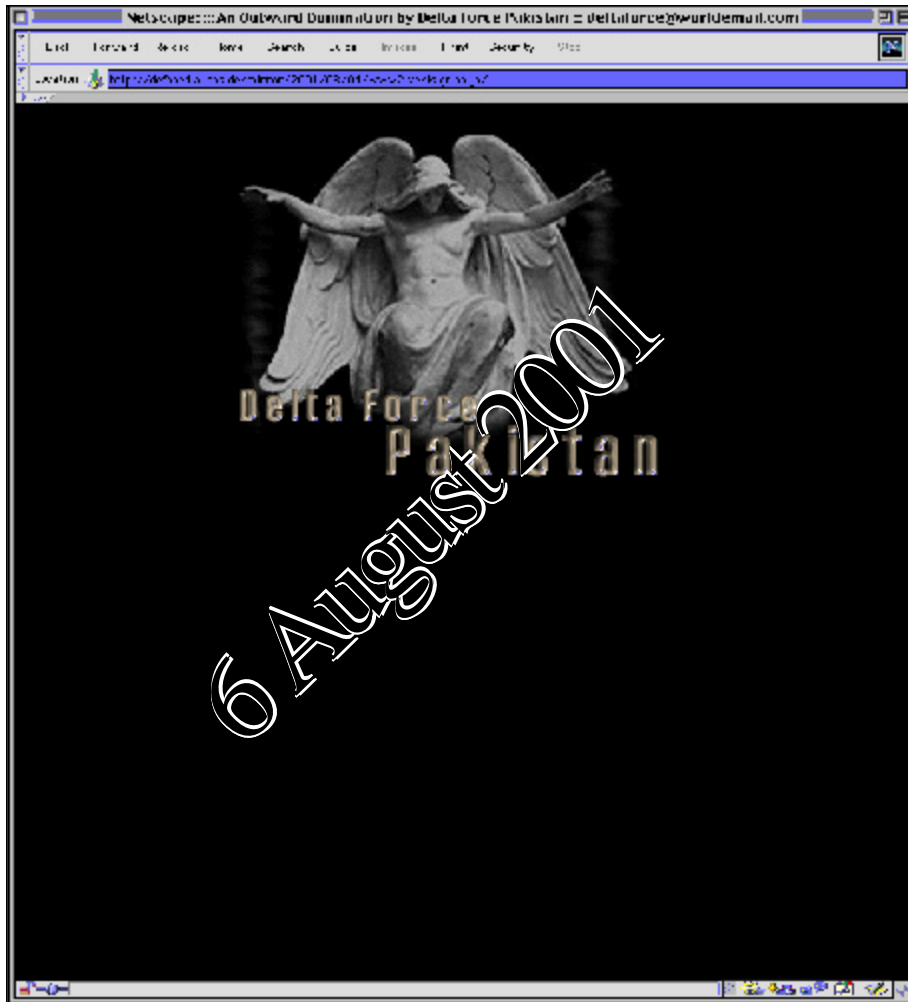*Commercial-based network-centricism requires management of product vulnerabilities*

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CVE is even getting used by Hackers !

At least two hackers are now suppling CVE names for the vulnerabilities that they find in the sites they hack into.
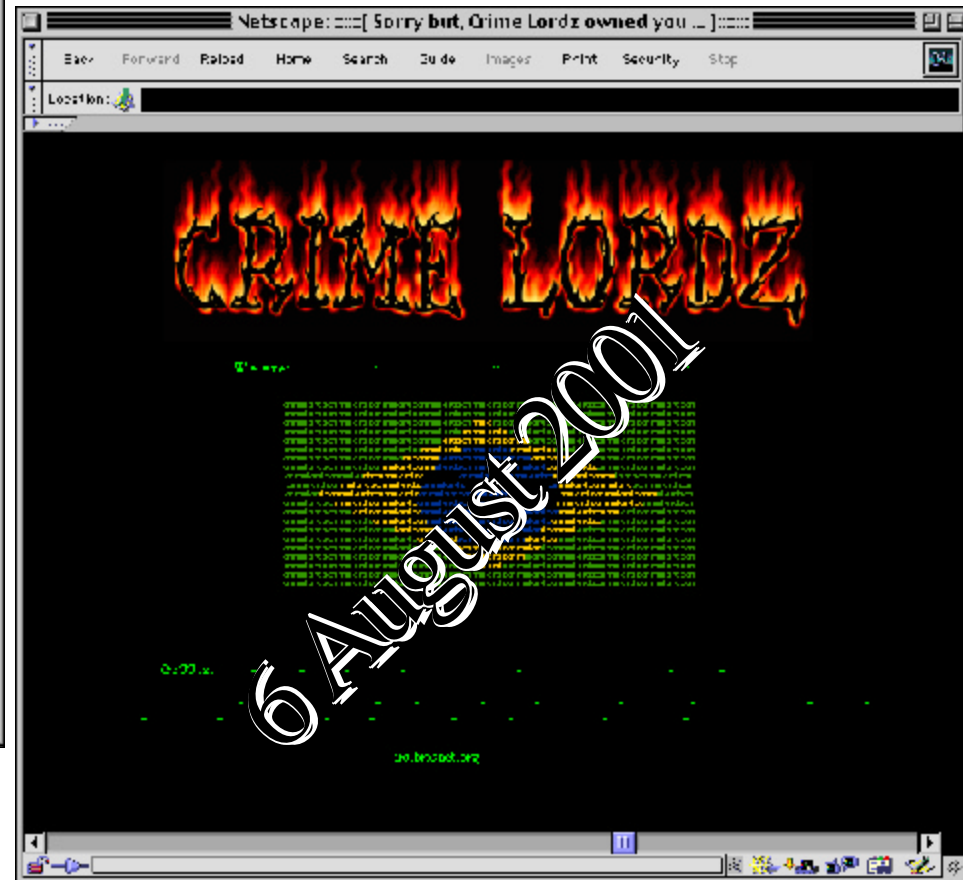
And Yes, In Case You Wondered…
…the Hacking Continues

**VeriSign Inc. Japanese Site
http://www.verisign.co.jp**

**Bureau of Land Management in California
http://www.ca.blm.gov**

For More Information

CVE web site
http://cve.mitre.org